



# *The* Leaflet

July-August 2017

## **SUMMER WATER SAFETY**

**Six Rules of the Pool**

**LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
Get Involved

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
Partner Up against Crime





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Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**City Council** meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

- August 1
- August 15
- September 5
- September 19

**Parks and Recreation Commission** meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16

**Planning and Traffic Commission** meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- July 27
- August 10
- August 24
- September 14

### City Telephone Numbers

Building Division .....	461-3470
Building Inspection .....	461-3468
City Clerk .....	461-3420
City Council .....	461-3420
City Manager's Office .....	461-3410
Community Policing Center .....	461-3530
Community Preservation .....	461-3474
Economic Development .....	461-3567
Etnies Skatepark .....	916-5870
Graffiti Hotline .....	461-3583
Housing .....	461-3569
OC Animal Care .....	249-5160
Passport & Notary .....	461-3420
Planning .....	461-3491
Public Works .....	461-3480
Recreation .....	461-3450
Sports Park & Recreation Center .....	273-6960

### City Websites

City .....	lakeforestca.gov
City Facebook .....	facebook.com/lakeforestca
Economic Development ...	lakeforestbusiness.com
	facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest ..	etniesskatepark.com
Sports Park & Recreation Center ..	lfsportspark.com
Twitter .....	twitter.com/lakeforestca

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## City Manager's Message

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, it reminds us that summer is here and there is so much to do! As you enjoy your summer outings, be sure to take advantage of all the amazing activities that contribute to making Lake Forest great. From our hiking trails to our summer concerts, from Skateboard Contests to Family Movie Nights, there has never been a better time to live, work, and play in Lake Forest.



Speaking of skateboarding, the City recently completed painting and other renovations at Etnies Skatepark, giving this premier facility a cosmetic facelift for the busy summer season. I hope you had a chance to stop by for Family Movie Night at the Skatepark on July 22nd, or plan on spending the night at the Annual Skatepark Summer Campout on August 11th. Several family friendly movies are also scheduled at the Sports Park on Friday nights throughout the summer, so pack up your snacks, a picnic blanket, and bring the kids out for some great entertainment. If music is more your style, the Summer Concert Series has two more events before summer's end, both at the Sports Park. While enjoying all that Lake Forest has to offer, don't forget summer safety. National Night Out is coming up on August 1st, and highlights crime prevention. This is a great opportunity to partner with the Orange County Sheriff's Department against crime. Spending time at the pool? Be sure to practice our Summer Water Safety Tips. Check out Page 5 for more information. To keep up with these and all the other activities going on in the City, visit our Community Calendar at [lakeforestca.gov](http://lakeforestca.gov).

Summer is also the start of the City's budget year. As residential development continues in the City, new residents are adding to the City's overall fiscal health, through additional property and sales tax. The City Council recently adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget, allocating over \$46 million for important services such as Police, Street and Road Maintenance, and Recreation. The City's budget is balanced and we're in strong financial shape. To learn more about the City's financial position visit our Open Government page at [lakeforestca.gov](http://lakeforestca.gov).

We hope you have a safe and happy summer season!

Sincerely,

*Debra Rose*

Debra Rose  
City Manager

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## Draw the Future for Lake Forest – District Based Elections

Beginning with the November 2018 election, Lake Forest will elect members of the City Council from individual districts, instead of by citywide vote. The City Council is asking for your help with this transition. You can draw a full citywide map of proposed districts; request only one district around your neighborhood; or share your thoughts on which plan you think the Council should approve. The City will hold four public hearings and two community workshops for residents to learn about the district election process, give input, and submit their own maps for Council's consideration. All meetings and workshops will start at 7:00 p.m. Join us on:

<b>August 1st</b>	Public Hearing #1	City Hall
<b>August 9th</b>	Community Workshop #1	Location to be determined
<b>August 17th</b>	Community Workshop #2	Location to be determined
<b>September 5th</b>	Public Hearing #2	City Hall
<b>October 3rd</b>	Public Hearing #3	City Hall
<b>November 7th</b>	Public Hearing #4	City Hall

A District Election Website is coming soon. In the interim, you can find more information on the City's website [LakeForestCA.gov](http://LakeForestCA.gov) or by calling City Clerk Stephanie Smith at 461-3421.

## Planning and Traffic Commission

The Planning Commission, which reviews projects pertaining to the planning and development of the City, has been renamed the Planning and Traffic Commission (PTC). Under this new title, the PTC will take on new duties to review traffic related projects and issues such as requests for stop signs, permit parking, traffic safety, and improvements to roadways. Meetings of the PTC will occur on the second and fourth Thursday of every month with the first official meeting set for July 13. Stay informed on the latest agenda items for upcoming Planning and Traffic Commission meetings by visiting [www.lakeforestca.gov/Agendas](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/Agendas).

## City Hall Days of Operation Extended!

On Monday, June 26, City Hall extended its days of operation to five days a week every week. Operating hours will remain the same:

- Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Field Closures

As part of the City's annual turf renovation project, all sports park soccer and baseball fields are temporarily closed until mid-August to perform seeding, fertilization, sod removal and replacement, and irrigation repairs and improvements. The affected parks include: Lake Forest Sports Park, Foothill Ranch Community Park, Borrego Park, Rancho Serrano Park, Heroes Park, Regency Park, Tamarisk Park, Rimgate Park, and Baker Ranch Community Park.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week

Starting September 17th, the fun and savings begin as the City kicks off the 7th annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week. Visit [shopanddinelakeforest.com](http://shopanddinelakeforest.com) for the latest news including participating businesses, event details, and community contests.

### Shop and Dine Lake Forest App



The Shop & Dine Lake Forest program will debut a downloadable consumer app to make it easier for Lake Forest businesses, residents, and visitors to shop and dine in Lake Forest all year long. Launching this fall, the Shop & Dine Lake Forest App will feature a search-engine based local directory filled with special deals and coupons offered throughout the year.

### Calling All Restaurants Join The Taste of Lake Forest!

The 7th annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week is set for September 17th-24th. Citywide savings and promotions will be included in the Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week Coupon Booklet mailed to over 31,000 Lake Forest addresses. Participation is FREE for Lake Forest businesses. Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week will also feature the 6th annual Taste of Lake Forest on September 24th. Restaurants interested in participating in the Taste of Lake Forest can sign up at [shopanddinelakeforest.com](http://shopanddinelakeforest.com). Support your local economy and Shop & Dine Lake Forest!

## 2017 Leadership Academy

September 20 to November 8 (Wednesday evenings)  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall  
(Community Room A)  
25550 Commercentre Drive

The Leadership Academy is a fun and informal 8-week academy providing an overview of city government while developing the next generation of civic leaders and volunteers. The academy is limited to the first 25 registrants over the age of 18, selected on a first come, first serve basis. This in-depth seminar is free and includes dinner at the beginning of each session. Register by calling 461-3422 or emailing [jesquivel@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:jesquivel@lakeforestca.gov).





## Summer Water Safety Tips



### Drowning Prevention

In 2016, Orange County had 106 drowning incidents with 39 fatalities. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of five and can happen in less than two inches of water. During the summer months of May through August, drowning rates nationally increase by 89% in comparison to the other months of the year. Children and adults can drown without a sound.

### Water Safety Rules

Going to take a dip in the water? Make sure to employ these rules of the pool to prevent drowning accidents and keep summer water activities safe and fun.

1. Do not swim alone. Kids need to ask an adult before entering a pool area or spa.
2. Maintain active supervision of kids at the pool or any body of water at all times.
3. Learn to swim. Swimming can reduce the risk of drowning accidents.
4. Do not run, jump or push others around the pool.
5. Teach children to stay away from drains to avoid entrapment and install safety covers.
6. Wear sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids.

### Water Safety Barriers

Water safety barriers are preventative measures that protect against potential accidents at the pool. Installing multiple barriers at your home pool is imperative as no single barrier provides 100% protection. Identify your risk early and take measures to keep children from entering water areas unsupervised. Examples of water safety barriers include:

- Non-climbable Fences
- Self-Closing/Latching Gates
- Pool/Spa Covers
- Door/Window/Pool Alarms
- Child and Pet Alarms
- Indoor Barriers



**Tuesday, August 1**  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Lake Forest Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway)**

Celebrate a fun and festive evening as the community comes together to support local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships at the 2017 National Night Out event. If you're a business providing public safety and crime prevention services interested in setting up a booth, contact Shannon Daniels at 461-3546.



## Say It and Obey It Community Tips

**T**hank you to Ryan Williams, Kate Feinauer, and Jenny Nonora for tips for how to help your furry, four legged friend "Rock the Leash" while out and about. As a reminder, local leash laws require that all dogs must be on leashes no longer than 6 feet.

🐾 **Ryan Williams:** Here is a tip for training a dog to LOVE being on their leash. It's pretty easy, but each time you get ready to leash your dog, snap the clip a few times, tell the dog to sit, and give him or her a treat! After a (short) while, all you have to do is click the leash clip a few times, the dog will come barreling down the hall, tail wagging, and sitting at your feet waiting to go out for their walk!

🐾 **Kate Feinauer:** Carry a highly desired treat for in your pocket when you head out for your walk. When your dog's attention is lost to another dog or a skateboarder, get out the treat and wave it in front of your dog's nose then to your face and say "Watch me!" Your dog will forget about the distraction and you'll get his eyes on you. If he's watching you, he can't pull the leash! Pretty soon you can forget about the treats and just say, "Watch me!"

🐾 **Jenny Nonora:** The key is to find the right harness for the dog. I had a dog that was high energy crazy and calmed completely down with the gentle leader harness. My current dog HATED that but is great with the Easywalk harness. The key is to keep them on leash where they need to be so they don't expect to be loose so you have to find out what fits them and calms them. Then pick a leash length.



## Hidden Gems of Lake Forest 2018 Calendar Contest Deadline: October 16

All skill levels are welcome; you just need a camera and the spirit of exploration. The City is inviting residents to show off the Hidden Gems of Lake Forest. Capture a glimpse of the City's hidden beauty whether it is a secret hiking trail, a beautiful vista, or a lovely locale. Winning photos will be featured in the 2018 "Hidden Gems of Lake Forest" community calendar. Email photos to [shunter@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:shunter@lakeforestca.gov)



# HOUSING AND WATER QUALITY

## Brush Up Your Home with the City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program

The City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program provides an opportunity for qualified homeowners have the exterior of their homes painted at no cost. Homeowners must submit an application to Neighborhood Pride Paint Program by August 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Selection of owner-occupied homes or mobile homes will be based on a lottery. Due to funding constraints, the number of homes or mobile homes selected will be limited. To qualify, (1) properties must be owner-occupied, (2) the home or mobile home must be in need of painting as determined by the City, (3) owners may not have assets in excess of \$120,000, excluding the value of the home, (4) the existing exterior paint must be lead-free, and (5) homeowners must qualify by not exceeding maximum low-income limits for the previous two years, as outlined below:

### Maximum Income Limit by Household Size

1 person household	2 person household	3 person household	4 person household
\$58,450	\$66,800	\$75,150	\$83,450
5 person household	6 person household	7 person household	8 person household
\$90,150	\$96,850	\$103,500	\$110,200

An application packet is available at City Hall, or can be downloaded at [lakeforestca.gov/paintprogram](http://lakeforestca.gov/paintprogram), and must be returned to the City of Lake Forest, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, California 92630 by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact Theresa Dobbs at 461-3473, or by email at [tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov).

**FAIR HOUSING** An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3569.

## Water Saving and Pollution Prevention

Many people may not realize that outdoor irrigation can represent 50% of residential water use. When sprinklers spray water on areas without landscaping (such as sidewalks and patio surfaces), or when landscaping is overwatered and the soil becomes saturated, the excess water runoff can travel over sidewalks, driveways, streets and gutters picking up pollutants on its way to the storm drain. Pollutants such as motor oil, pesticides, pet waste, pathogens/bacteria, nitrates, toxic metals, and house hold chemicals, can all be picked up and carried to the storm drain system. Unlike the sewer system, the runoff water is not treated and the storm drain system conveys this polluted water directly to our local creeks, lakes, and beaches.

Paying a little extra attention to your irrigation system to eliminate runoff fights pollution, conserves our limited water resources, and saves money! Here are some smart tips to reduce or eliminate over-irrigation and runoff:

1. Do not over-water. Most plants do not need to be watered everyday (especially lawns). Reduce your sprinkler cycle length and increase the number of cycles.
2. Watch out for broken and misdirected sprinklers. Periodically inspect your sprinkler system and fix leaks. Adjust sprinkler heads to keep water on the plants- and not the sidewalk or street.
3. Water lawns early in the day before sunrise, or in the evenings after sunset. This will maximize water absorption into the soil and minimize loss due to evaporation or wind dispersal.
4. Consider the use of native and drought resistant California plants for your landscaping. There are over 6,000 varieties to choose from, and they typically use about two-thirds less water.

For more water saving and pollution prevention information, please visit <http://www.overwateringisout.org/>

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline **(877) 89-SPILL**

For more information, contact the  
Public Works Department at 949-461-3480





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# Recreation & Events **CALENDAR**

## Summer 2017



**Friday, JULY 28**

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**"Friday Fever"**

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Drive

Fee: \$5 per person

**Saturday, JULY 30**

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Summer Concert Series ~  
80s Flashback Tribute**

Pittsford Park  
21701 Pittsford Drive

Fee: Free to attend

**Friday, AUGUST 11**

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Movies in the  
Park ~ Moana**

Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Parkway

Fee: Free to attend



**Friday, AUGUST 11-  
Saturday, AUGUST 12**

10:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.

**Annual Skatepark  
Summer Campout**

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Drive

Fee: \$40 per person

**Friday, AUGUST 25**

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**"Friday Fever"**

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Drive

Fee: \$5 per person

**Friday, AUGUST 25**

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Movies in the Park ~  
Beauty & the Beast**

Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Parkway

Fee: Free to attend

**Sunday, AUGUST 27**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Special Needs  
End of Summer Picnic**

Lake Forest Sports Park (Gazebos 1 and 2)  
28000 Rancho Parkway

Fee: Free to attend

**Sunday, AUGUST 27**

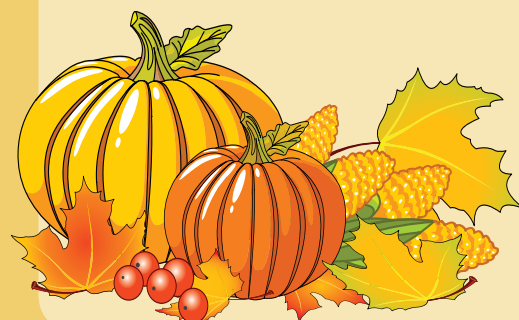
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Summer Concert Series ~  
End of Summer Bash**

Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Parkway

Fee: Free to attend

**Fall registration begins  
Tuesday, August 8  
at 8 a.m.**



For more information, call Community Services at **461-3450** or the Sports Park at **273-6960**